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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Region III - 6th & Walnut Sts.

Philadelphia, Pa. 19106

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SUBJECT: Justification for Approval of an Immediate
Removal Action at the Shaffer Equipment
Company Site, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

DATE: Dec 22, 1984

FROM: Thomas P. Eichler
Regional Administrator (3RA00)

TO: Jack W. McGraw
Deputy Assistant Administrator for
Solid Waste and Emergency Response (WH-562A)

Issue

The attached CERCLA Funding Request pertains to the Shaffer Equipment Company Site in Minden, West Virginia.

A preliminary assessment performed in accordance with the National Contingency Plan by my staff and State personnel has identified a direct contact threat and serious off site migration threat posed by the presence of PCB in contaminated soils which presents an imminent and substantial threat to the public health and the environment.

Background

Section 104 of CERCLA calls for the initiation of an Immediate Removal Action whenever there is a release or a substantial threat of a release into the environment of any pollutant or contaminant which may present an imminent and substantial danger to the public health and/or the environment.

Pursuant to Delegation of Authority 14-1-A (4/16/84), which authorizes the Regional Administrator to approve CERCLA Removal Actions with a total cost of less than \$1,000,000, I have approved the use of CERCLA funds to control and stabilize this site.

Attachments

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